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AS A SPECIAL part of one of his Friday morning lectures in September to diabetic patients, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin awarded a Bronze Medal to a tall, erect youthful grandfather of 75 years — The Reverend Preston Sandiford of Cambridge. Dr. Joslin told his listeners that "through a gift to the New England Deaconess Hospital, a fund was created by which we can give a medal to those diabetics who have demonstrated their courage and intelligence by living longer with diabetes than they were expected to live without it according to life expectancy tables at the time their disease developed." The Reverend Preston Sandiford, a native of Barbados, British West Indies, and a resident of Cambridge for 49 years, proudly accepted his medal in recognition of having carried out the principle of the medal's inscription: "For Prolonging Life's Span after the Onset of Diabetes — a Scientific and Moral Victory." Photo by J. Coyne

## PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Miss Virginia E. Ramsdell has been appointed to the position of Public Relations Director. She has been in the Public Relations Department for three years and was Associate to Mrs. Elizabeth S. Bradford before her resignation.

Miss Ramsdell is a graduate of Natick High School and Boston University. She served in the U. S. Army for a year and a half and worked for the Container Corporation of America.

Her assistant is Miss Jane Scourtis, who was graduated recently from the School of Public Relations at Boston University. Miss Scourtis, while in college, worked at the Brookline Trust Company and the Booth Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Betty Burrage, free lance public relation counselor, joined the Deaconess Public Relation staff October 15 on a retainer basis.

## MR. RALPH THOMPSON DIES

Mr. Ralph E. Thompson, a trustee of the New England Deaconess Hospital and Chairman of the Building Committee, died on September 14, 1952.

Mr. Thompson was president of the Gilbert Clock Corporation, Winsted, Connecticut, chairman of the board of the Reed-Prentice Corporation of Worcester and Scott and Williams, Inc. of Laconia, New Hampshire.

The funeral services were held at the Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal), Chestnut Hill.

## FRIENDS OF THE DEACONESS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Miss Constance M. Dougherty of the class of 1952, East Bridgewater High School, was awarded the Catherine Delano Grant scholarship. This is the first award made by the Friends of the Deaconess of this new scholarship. Miss Dougherty was chosen because of her good academic standard and her professed interest in nursing. The scholarship is for full tuition for three years. It is hoped that an award will be made each year in the future.

## DR. AND MRS. ELLIOTT P. JOSLIN HONORED

On the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary, Dr. and Mrs. Elliott P. Joslin were honored at a golden wedding reception by more than 300 physicians, associates, patients, townsfolk, and friends at their Buffalo Hill estate in Oxford on Saturday, September 13.

Before the reception, the Joslin Diabetic Study Center in the Oxford Town Hall was dedicated. There is now a retinal camera, used for the detection of diabetes and its progression, at the Center; also an electrocardiograph, and a view bar. The camera is unusual in that there are only four others in this country. Mr. James E. Conlin, chairman of the Board of Selectmen dedicated the Center "to the man who has made the most advances in medicine in the checking of diabetes."

Dr. Joslin, a native of Oxford, was awarded the American Legion Medal for Americanism by the Past Commander of the Post, Clarence Daigneau "for his help in establishing the Clara Barton Diabetic Camp for Girls in Oxford and a similar camp for boys in Charlton, which bears his name."

During the reception in honor of the anniversary, Mrs. Joslin was presented with a wedding ring clock made of gold. Dr. and Mrs. Joslin were married in Brookline on September 16, 1902.

## BEQUEST

Miss Anna P. Reid of Reading, who died on July 10, 1952 left $55,000 to be divided equally among the New England Deaconess Hospital, Children's Hospital, Free Hospital for Women in Brookline, and the Winchester Hospital. Miss Reid was a retired school teacher in the Reading public schools and left most of her money to charitable and fraternal organizations.

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## NURSING TEAM PLAN

There has been much discussion about the team plan in nursing circles in recent years, and its use has been considered at the New England Deaconess Hospital for some time. The team plan is a coordinated effort to improve bedside care. The needs and nursing problems of the patients are the concern of the entire team. It is a method of allocating a group of patients to a team of nursing personnel for more effective nursing care. It has evolved from the shortage of nursing personnel, a desire for more specific delegation of responsibility, and the more efficient use of working hours.

A team consists of a team leader, who is a graduate nurse, and four or five members of the nursing department staff, such as another graduate nurse, a student nurse, an attendant, and an aide. The members of the team are directly responsible to the team leader and only from the team leader do they receive assignments and instructions. Although the team as a whole is responsible for a group of patients, the individual members of the team, including the leader, will be assigned portions of the work with perhaps two of the team members working together. Each worker functions according to his training and ability within the team structure and contributes to the total work of the team. The object is to make it possible for each worker in a team, whether professional or non-professional, to find more work satisfaction and give better care to the patient.

The team leader interprets the patients' nursing needs to the group, formulates and records for the team the nursing care required, and makes the work assignments. The leader checks the work of her team, consults with the team members about their work, and follows through on the total care given to the patients by the team.

The team plan does not eliminate the Head or Assistant Head Nurses, for the team leader is directly responsible to the Head Nurse on the floor. However, it will relieve the pressure and interruptions and give these nurses more time for guiding the care of the patients and supervising the employees. The student nurses will likewise benefit through the operation of the plan for there will be more time for their instruction. The attendants and aides will gain a greater interest in the patient, for they will have more to do for the patient. Because of these factors, patients will receive better nursing care.

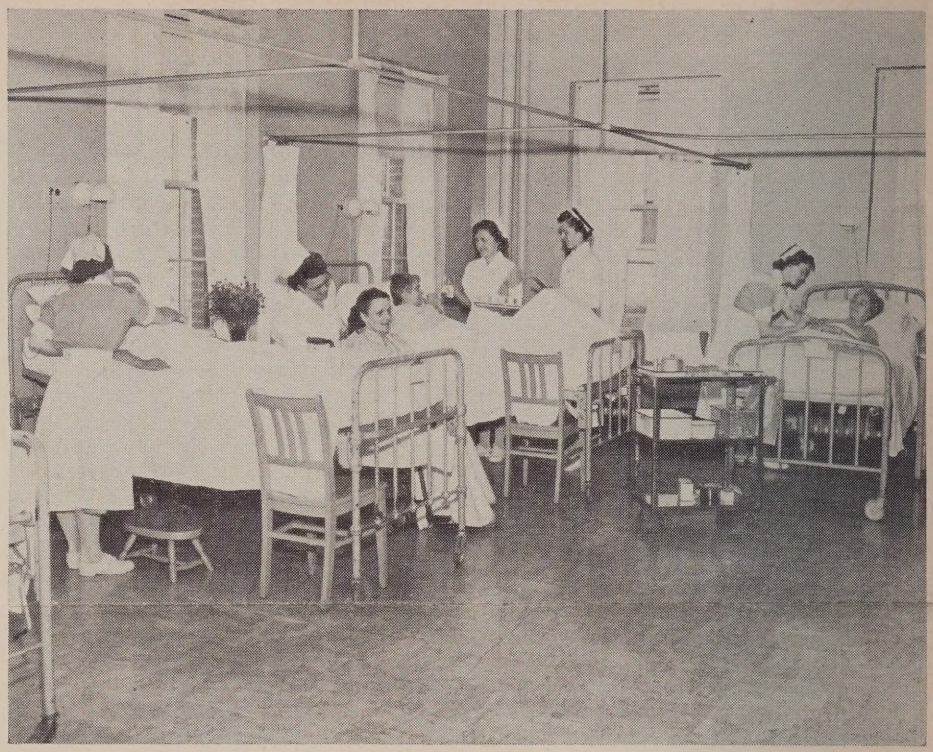

Photo by J. Coyne

CORNER VIEW of Palmer 206 showing the Team Plan in full swing. The members of one team on Palmer II are, left to right: Rita H. Rozon, Hospital Aide; Adele R. Ventresca, Attendant Nurse; Gloria Thomas, Student Nurse; Barbara J. McKee, Graduate Nurse and Team Leader; and Marilyn McTeague, Student Nurse. A team gives better care to the patients and is responsible for 12 to 15 patients.

Five Head Nurses, who attended classes at Boston University on the Team Plan are eager to start it here. They are so interested in this method of organized nursing care that it has been decided to start it on two floors rather than one. The project which has been in the developmental stage here for several months has now been formulated and will go into effect about October 20 on Palmer II and V. It is believed that by this plan service to the doctors will be improved because the team leader will have complete knowledge about the patients assigned to the team for care.

Those who will participate in the plan are as follows:

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| *Leader* | |
| Barbara J. McKee | P2 |
| Carolyn J. Wagner | P2 |
| Jeannette O. Ludgate | P5 |
| *Graduate Nurses* | |
| Elinor F. Chase | P5 |
| Maria B. Hanlon | P5 |
| Etta Morrison | P5 |
| *Student Nurses* | |
| Nancy Ellis | P2 |
| Marilyn McTeague | P2 |
| Anne Olsen | P2 |
| Janet Taylor | P2 |
| Gloria Thomas | P2 |
| *Attendants* | |
| Adele R. Ventresca | P2 |
| Catherine E. Cleland | P5 |
| *Aides* | |
| Ida B. Johnson | P2 |
| Rita H. Rozon | P2 |
| Phyllis A. Skinner | P2 |

## THEY WANT TO STAY

Nineteen of the thirty-three members of the graduating class of 1952 Juniors have accepted employment at the New England Deaconess Hospital at the completion of their training this Fall. Eighteen have joined the staff of the Nursing Department and one the staff of the Solution Room. Welcome to these girls, who proudly wear their new uniforms:

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| Eleanor M. Billings | West Medford |
| Beverly Mae Blood | East Pepperell |
| Phyllis M. Bradley | Somerset Center |
| Priscilla Webster Campbell | Portland, Maine |
| Carol J. Carr | Oak Bluffs |
| Elinor F. Chase | Newburyport |
| Joan M. Cook | Beverly |
| Frances E. Dowding | Westerly, Rhode Island |
| Lois P. Dunn | Westerly, Rhode Island |
| Mary Perkins Erickson | Auburn |
| Barbara A. Farrell | Auburn |
| Kay D. Hemphill | Waterville, Maine |
| Margaret E. MacLean | Watertown |
| Lynda J. McDonough | Westboro |
| Barbara L. McKee | Portsmouth, Rhode Island |
| Marion L. Oliver | East Braintree |
| Jean Olson | Somerville |
| Marie L. Schwam | Westerly, Rhode Island |
| Elizabeth R. Wiswell | Fitchburg |

courtesy RECORD-AMERICAN

NEW STUDENTS — Marie Pantano, West Roxbury, watches as Janice Boomer, Portland, Maine, and Gail Somes, West Roxbury, unpack in their room at Harris Hall.

## NEW STUDENT NURSES

Forty new students from all parts of New England entered the New England Deaconess Hospital's School of Nursing in September to begin their careers in nursing. Students welcomed by Miss Olive L. Nelson, Director of Nursing were:

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| Janice Bloomer | Portland, Maine |
| W. Dawn Campbell | Plymouth, New Hampshire |
| Laila Carlson | South Attleboro |
| Joanne S. Carr | Oak Bluffs |
| Alice Clark | Whitinsville |
| Joyce Coombs | Colrain |
| Joanna Cornell | Roslindale |
| Janet Darche | East Bridgewater |
| Constance Dougherty | East Bridgewater |
| Shirley Eaton | Milton |
| Barbara Ann Hall | Brunswick, Maine |
| Frances K. Hall | West Newbury |
| Beverly Ann Harper | Linwood |
| Betty Ann Hewitt | Sharon |
| Anne Kenneson | Concord, New Hampshire |
| Sylvia Ann Lyons | Manchester, New Hampshire |
| Doris McEvoy | Cambridge |
| Marjorie McKay | Calais, Maine |
| Alice MacKenzie | Lonsdale, Rhode Island |
| Barbara Marsters | Pittsfield |
| Judith Mateer | Whitinsville |
| Nancy Matson | Worcester |
| Janet Molander | Bridgeport, Connecticut |
| Ruth Moodie | Reading |
| Audrey Moulton | Lynn |
| Betsey Nickerson | East Harwich |
| Sharon Noyes | Elmwood |
| Joanne Owen | Milo, Maine |
| Marie Pantano | West Roxbury |
| Ina Pennington | Deland, Florida |
| Rosalie Rizzo | Revere |
| Helen Robbins | Attleboro |
| Lida Robinson | Concord |
| Ruby Seagrave | Woonsocket, Rhode Island |
| Gail Somes | West Roxbury |
| Shirley Sylva | Chatham |
| Betty Theriault | Presque Isle, Maine |
| Joann Thwaites | Methuen |
| Nancy Welford | Haverhill |
| Shirley Woodrow | Plymouth, New Hampshire |

## SUPERVISORY APPOINTMENTS

### Dietitians

Four dietitians have recently joined the staff of the Dietary Department. Two have come from Canada and two from Massachusetts.

Miss Nancy C. Carey is from Northampton, Massachusetts. She was graduated from the Framingham State Teachers College in 1951 and had her American Dietetic Association internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Carey is a Therapeutic Dietitian in Palmer.

Miss Elinor J. Sleeper is the Dietitian in Charge of the Diabetic Diets in Deaconess and is at the desk on Deaconess II. She is from Haverhill, Massachusetts, and is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. Miss Sleeper had her dietetic internship at the Albany Hospital, and she, too, is a member of the American Dietetic Association. Before joining the staff of the New England Deaconess Hospital, Miss Sleeper was at the New Britain General Hospital, New Britain, Connecticut.

Miss Amorette Smith is from Chesterville, Ontario. She received her B. Sc. degree in Home Economics from Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec. Her dietetic internship was at the Toronto General Hospital, where she

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also held her last position. A member of the Canadian Dietetic Association, Miss Smith has also been at the Hamilton General Hospital, Hamilton, Ontario, and the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, British Columbia. She is the Therapeutic Supervisor for the Deaconess building and is an Instructor for the theoretical and practical teaching of the students.

Miss Audrey Papoe is also from Canada. Her home is at Medicine Hat, Alberta. She is one of the two Therapeutic Dietitians in the Baker Building. She was graduated from the University of Alberta in Edmonton and also had her internship at the University of Alberta Hospital. She is a member of the Canadian Dietetic Association. Miss Papoe comes from the Toronto General Hospital where she and Miss Smith last worked.

### Nursing School Faculty

Two Clinical Supervisors and one Assistant Clinical Supervisor have been appointed to the faculty of the Nursing School.

Mrs. Wilbur Bastien, Clinical Supervisor, is a graduate of Colby College in Waterville, Maine. She came to us from the Massachusetts General Hospital, where she had also been in the field of teaching.

Mrs. Stuart E. Lease, Assistant Clinical Supervisor, is from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It was at the Lancaster General Hospital where she received her training and where she taught for two years as a Ward Instructor.

Miss Barbara A. Vadala was graduated from Simmons College in Boston. She has also been appointed Clinical Supervisor and comes from the Massachusetts General Hospital. Miss Vadala's home is in Belmont.

### Surgery Supervisor

Miss Margaret A. Burns was appointed recently to the position of Surgery Supervisor — as an assistant to Miss Ruth E. Pendleton. Miss Burns, a graduate of the Union Hospital in Fall River, had postgraduate work at the Yale University School of Nursing in New Haven. Miss Burns formerly was with the Pack Medical Group and the Memorial Cancer Center in New York City. She served two years in the U. S. Army.

## CANCER STUDY GRANT

Announcement has been made by the Massachusetts Division of the American Cancer Society of another grant to the New England Deaconess Hospital of $2,540.72 for cancer research.

## BOWLING

The 1952-53 bowling season is rolling. The teams started on September 11 and are bowling Thursday nights this year instead of Tuesday. The competition is keen and the usual good-natured rivalry is already the talk of the hospital.

A great deal of work has gone into improving the alleys at the Boylston Bowladrome during the summer and they are in fine shape. The new pins are a bit sticky, but they will soon be knocked into shape by the Deaconess bowlers.

This year there are the usual ten teams with about sixty bowlers. The team captains and the standings of the teams as of October 2 are as follows:

| Team | Actual Pinfall | Pinfall Including Handicap | Total Actual Pinfall To Date | Total Pinfall Including Handicap To Date | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 Mr. Sabine | 1352 | 1487 | 5174 | 5789 | 13 |
| 8 Mr. Lowry | 1189 | 1438 | 4459 | 5539 | 11 |
| 1 Dr. Cook | 1216 | 1456 | 4653 | 5520 | 10 |
| 2 Mr. Marotta | 1200 | 1344 | 5022 | 5643 | 9 |
| 5 Mr. Makrokanis | 1104 | 1398 | 4281 | 5550 | 8 |
| 7 Miss Hankinson | 1132 | 1378 | 4551 | 5511 | 7 |
| 10 Miss Fossati | 1135 | 1408 | 4351 | 5494 | 7 |
| 9 Mr. Bettinelli | 1114 | 1351 | 4727 | 5444 | 7 |
| 4 Mr. Emery | 1093 | 1342 | 4626 | 5511 | 5 |
| 6 Mr. Schraub | 1111 | 1363 | 4496 | 5501 | 3 |

*High Singles for October 2, 1952*

Miss Ellen Adams 96
Mr. Donald Sabine 116

*High Singles for the Year*

Mrs. Margaret Cote 110
Mr. Alex Goldsmith 120

*High Three-String Totals for Year*

Mrs. Margaret Cote 289
Mr. Alex Goldsmith 308

*High Average for the Year*

Mrs. Margaret Cote 89
Mr. Donald Lowry 94

## ALUMNAE NEWS

Mrs. William J. French (Barbara G. Currie, '36 Jr.) has recently been appointed Executive Director of the Essex County Health Association. Mrs. French for the past five years, has been health Educator for the Association.

Mrs. French is also a graduate of Boston University and holds a B.S. degree in Education. She has worked on community X-ray surveys and arranged the tuberculin testing program in high schools.

Mrs. French, active in many North Shore organizations, is the widow of Corporal William J. French, USMC, who was killed on Okinawa in 1945. She has one daughter.

## BEWARE OF COLDS

The misery of the common cold is upon us again, as usual, at this time of year. Most of us will have had our first bout before long.

The way to keep the epidemic to a minimum is to report the first sniffle or scratchy throat to the first Aid Room.

An extra hour of sleep at night is one of the most important points in keeping your cold from becoming an important illness. ROBERT E. BROWNLEE, M.D.

## PARKING STICKERS

If you drive a car to work, you need a New England Deaconess Hospital sticker as a permit to use the parking lot. Stickers should be placed on the left front window vent.

Some stickers have disintegrated during the past summer because of heat and moisture. Such stickers should be replaced. New ones may be obtained in the office of the Assistant Director on the first floor of the Deaconess building.

## DEATHS

Mr. Eugene M. Hill on October 6, 1952 in Somerville. Mr. Hill was an Electrician with the Maintenance Department for over ten years. Funeral services were held at the First Universalist Church, Highland Avenue, Somerville.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Olive L. Nelson, class of 1926, Director of Nursing Service and School of Nursing, to Mr. Lloyd Lorbeer of California and Pasumalai, South India. Mr. Lorbeer is in education with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in India. The wedding will take place in Bombay, India, next February.

Miss Margaret Emily Desjardins, '54 Sr., to Tech. Sgt. Arthur Lawrence Nelson of the USAF, now on overseas duty. The wedding will take place when Sgt. Nelson returns to this country.

Miss Helen Frances Frizzell, '51 Jr., to Mr. John LeRoy Fuller of Melrose. Mr. Fuller, a graduate of Bridgton Academy in 1948 served from that time until April 1952 with the USMC. An October wedding is planned.

Miss Mary Ruth Herring, '51 Jr., to Mr. R. Bruce Egbert of Bow, Washington. Mr. Egbert is with the Navy and stationed in Newfoundland. Before entering the Navy, he attended Washington State College.

Miss Nancy Lewoczko, '54 Jr., to Mr. C. Stetson Thomas, Jr., of Middleboro. Mr. Thomas is attending the University of Pennsylvania. Miss Lewoczko will complete her training in September, 1954.

Miss Marjorie Eleanor Pope, '51 Jr., to Mr. Walter Leroy Pearson of Kansas City, Kansas. Miss Pope has been working in Kansas but has returned recently to her home in Waltham. Mr. Pearson served with the Navy in World War II. The wedding is planned for November.

Miss Elizabeth Rex Vaughan, '49 Sr., to Mr. John Lee of Philadelphia, who is

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a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. A spring wedding is planned.

Miss Loretta Zanazzo, '53 Sr., to Mr. John A. Laffreda of Waterbury, Connecticut. The wedding is planned for late January, after Miss Zanazzo completes her training.

## WEDDINGS

Miss Elizabeth Mary Crozier, '52 Jr., to Mr. Merle Richard Jordan on August 17, 1952, at the Congregational Church in Rockland. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are living in Newton Center. Mr. Jordan, a graduate of Bowdoin College this year, is attending the Andover Newton Theological School.

Miss Ruth Ewing, '46 Jr., to Mr. Robert V. Coleman on September 27, 1952, at St. Andrew's Church( Episcopal) in Wellesley. Mr. Coleman, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology received his master's degree from Columbia University. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are living in Detroit, Michigan.

Miss Elaine Marilyn Lackman, Research Technician with the Joslin Clinic, to Dr. Howard A. Smith on September 7, 1952. Dr. Smith is a practicing veterinarian in Lexington, where they are living.

Miss Marjorie R. Schofield, '52 Jr., to Mr. Herbert C. Jordan on September 13, 1952, at the First Methodist Church, North Andover. Mr. Schofield, a Navy veteran, is in business in Framingham with his brother.

Miss Arlene M. Street, Head Nurse in Surgery, to Mr. John J. Quinn of Pharmacy on September 15, 1952. Mrs. Quinn is a graduate of the Salem Hospital School of Nursing and Mr. Quinn is completing a course at Emerson College prior to entering the field of television. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn are living at 38 Stanton Road, Brookline.

## BIRTHS

A son, Steven William, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Libby on August 29, 1952. Mr. Libby works in the Housekeeping Department, and the baby's grandmother, Mrs. Mary O. Libby, in the Laundry.

## HOSPITAL AIDE CLASS

A class for Hospital Aides under the direction of Mrs. Frances B. Snyder, Aide Supervisor, started on Monday, September 22. The course consists of training in the classroom as well as on the floors. Its length is six weeks.

Several Deaconess employees were accepted for this training. They are:

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| Mary L. Andrade | Nursing |
| Alice P. Childs | Dietary |
| Eleanor M. Crump | Housekeeping |
| Lillian M. Lay | Dietary |
| Janet Peers | Nursing |
| Addell A. Vaughn | Dietary |

New to the hospital are the other two members of the class:

Dorothy L. DiLoreto
Mary A. McGovern

The hospital welcomes the members of this new class.